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REMARKS

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1. Prior to 23 February 1951, the PS battalion in Modrava (Mader, N 50/Q 26) was subordinate to a PS brigade headquarters commanded by Staff Captain Josef Slavik. It was located in the former commercial college, a three-story building in the northern sector of Susice (N 50/Q 28). The brigade, in turn, was subordinate to Unit in Prague. \*

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2. The PS battalion in Modrava was commanded by Lieutenant Kroch, (fmu), and organized into 5 companies. One company had about 60 soldiers in Modrava. Another company of 40 soldiers was located in two wooden barracks in Slate (N 50/Q 16) southwest of landmark 1050. The third company had about 40 soldiers in Pusta Skala in the woods south of Slate while the whereabouts of the two other companies were unknown. About 70 percent of the personnel were Slovaks and 30 percent Czechs.

3. The border sector of the PS company in Slate was about 5 km in width and guarded continually by three pairs of sentries patrolling between 800 and 1,000 meters from the border. However, stationary sentries gradually replaced the patrols. A wooden watchtower was under construction about 400 meters from the company billets. It was to be connected by telephone with the company headquarters. Three trained dogs belonged to the unit. Relief of the patrols and sentries took place in the border area every 4 to 6 hours.

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5. The morale of the troops in Susice and, later, in Slate was very low because of the strenuous duty, isolation from the population, and the cancellation of furloughs.

6. [ ] a PS battalion in Zelezná Ruda (N 50/Q 07) and another PS battalion in Prasilly (Strabenbach, N 50/Q 17). One company was located in

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the mountainous Polednik area, about 5 km south of Prasilly, and was the northern neighboring unit of the company in Slatce. The two battalions were subordinate to the PS brigade in Susice. \*

7. No Soviet military personnel was observed.

\* [redacted] Comment. The report confirms the PS brigade in Susice and the PS battalions in Kodorava, Zelezna Buda and Prasilly.

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